

## Alexandria Gazette

FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 13

## LOCAL MATTERS

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For this section warmer, fair weather, northerly winds.

**THE BILLY WILLIAMS TRIAL.**—The trial of Billy Williams on the charge of killing Officer Arnold in May, 1887, was resumed in the Corporation Court this morning. Yesterday evening, after the GAZETTE's report closed, Dr. Powell and Mr. Henry Frederick were examined.

Dr. Powell testified to the character of the wound, and that death resulted therefrom.

Henry Frederick, of Washington, testified that he thought he made the "nippers" found on the fair grounds the day after the killing, and traded them to a man for some clock works.

Court then adjourned till this morning, and Williams was taken back to jail and the jury were committed to the Sergeant. They were taken to the Braddock House for supper and later were walked to Jones's Point for exercise. They spent the night at the Braddock House and this morning were again walked about for exercise.

Court met this morning at 9:30 o'clock when the case was at once proceeded with. Most of the evidence was similar to that given in the Curran trial last year and which was published in the GAZETTE at the time. The first witness was Ernest Padgett, who repeated his testimony given in the Curran trial, as did also Joseph Martin, who said he never saw Williams before.

J. W. Henderson said he heard the shooting and going to the ground saw Curran and Padgett fighting and saw a man running off and fired at him.

R. W. Coleman saw Curran on the night of the shooting on Blouse's pavement and a man near him who he believed was Williams; the man turned his face from him to keep witness from seeing him; did not recognize his moustache; believed now and always has believed that Williams was the man he saw near Curran on the night of the shooting.

Ross Thompson saw three men near Blouse's; one looked in his face and smiled and he now recognized Williams as the man who smiled; Curran was the other man; went to jail with Capt. Webster to recognize Williams and told Sergeant Smith he looked like the man and believed he was; the man had no brown moustache, if so, very light; had a peculiar look out of his eyes; was close to prisoner and could have touched him; he was now somewhat changed in appearance.

John Travers saw Williams and Curran together about 6 or 7 o'clock on the evening of the shooting; knew Curran and recognized the prisoner as the man he saw with Curran; knew him by a scar on the side of his face; Curran had on a Derby hat and Williams a slouch hat.

Joe Little had known Williams for seven years; recognized the nippers shown him and which were found on the ground the day after the killing, as belonging to Williams; they were made by Frederick; Williams paid \$5 for them and gave him the clock works; Williams carried a British bulldog revolver of heavy calibre (Arnold was killed by such a ball). Frederick had made two pairs of nippers, both pair of which he had seen in Williams's possession; could not tell whether the pair shown was the large or small pair.

Leonard Manbury recognized the nippers as those shown him while he was the Commonwealth's Attorney and also the ball taken from Arnold's body.

W. J. Dugan testified to finding the nippers on the ground the morning after the killing.

Capt. Webster testified as to what occurred after the shooting.

Edward Horn knew Williams; prisoner had been arrested for housebreaking in Washington and while out on bond forfitted bail.

W. D. Slack testified to arresting Williams in Washington on June 9 last.

This closed the evidence for the prosecution.

W. C. Cox was the first witness for the defence and testified that when he saw Curran in the court room he recognized him as the man he saw on the circus ground the night of the shooting.

Daniel Patter on testified that he told Arnold not to go on the fair ground the night of the shooting.

Newton Fant testified to seeing Curran come to this city on the train from Washington the night of the shooting.

Gus Faney a Washington contractor, did not know prisoner by name but recognized him; had seen him in Baltimore; had employed him and Curran to work; employed them in the interest of humanity and supposed he could reform them. Williams had told him he wanted to pursue a better life.

William Williams was asked to state all he knew about the case. He said he was a nervous man, but an innocent man; had been persecuted and hounded through the world; had been illegally imprisoned; had been confined so long in prison that his nervous system was broken down. He said:

"I was with Curran when arrested in Washington and had been to a friend's house for something to eat. Came back and met officer Slack who asked me where I was going. I told him Ivy City. He then arrested me. Had a bad character and everything crooked was laid to me, guilty or not; Little, a shoemaker, was a bad man, and showed his boy how to conceal stolen property in the heel of a shoe; went to penitentiary for four years; served 16 years in prison, 5 or 6 times—for sneak thieving twice, and once for shooting; I did not do the shooting, the man with me did it. All the men in Alexandria who said I was in Alexandria are perjured; the handkerchief was no signal to Curran when I was arrested near Washington by Officer Slack; Slack has nothing against me but is used by others; the chief of police is my enemy; my arrest in Baltimore was a put up job and I made no resistance." He declined to say why he went into the house where arrested in Baltimore, saying it was a public house. He denied having been in Alexandria in 1887 on the circus ground and said he knew nothing of the shooting of Arnold; did not recognize the nippers and never got a pair from Frederick.

Upon this testimony the case rested and the argument of Mr. Holt, for the Commonwealth, was begun.

At the conclusion of Mr. Holt's speech Court adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

**THE INJURED.**—All of the colored people, except Ephraim Reynolds, who were injured by the falling in of the floor of the old Friends' meeting house on Wednesday night, are doing well. Reynolds, who was badly hurt about the back and who had several of his ribs broken, continues in a critical condition.

**CLAIM ADJUSTED.**—The directors of the Fairfax Mutual Fire Insurance Company met in this city yesterday and adjusted the claim of J. F. Burns, whose house near Bull Run, in Prince William county, was burned a few weeks ago, fixing the loss at \$825.

Geo. W. Meitz has been appointed U. S. gauger at Warrenton.

**AN UNFOUNDED REPORT.**—"The steam Captain John Gibson, belonging to the Island and Seaboard Coasting Company, sank off Cape Henry yesterday morning. The vessel left Washington the day before and was on her way to Norfolk to be repaired preparatory to being turned over to the Old Dominion Steamship Company, which had leased her for six months. She was steaming along off Cape Henry when a defective place on her starboard bow sprung a leak, and she filled with water so rapidly that her pumps were useless, and the crew to save themselves, were about to put off in her boats, when the tug Portsmouth came to their assistance and took them off. The Gibson went down a few minutes later. She was in command of Capt. George Young, the same man who was in command of the E. C. Knight when she sank in the bay near this same locality about a year ago. In addition to her regular crew of twelve, there were on the Gibson three painters and two ship carpenters who were doing such work on her as could be done before she reached the shipyard. The Gibson was a very old boat, and though her machinery was good, her hull was in places badly decayed. The loss to her owners is estimated at \$50,000."

The above was published in the Washington Post of this morning. On inquiring of Messrs. F. A. Reed & Co., the agents of the Island Company in this city, this morning, they stated the report was utterly without foundation. The Gibson left this port on Monday for Norfolk for repairs before being turned over to the Old Dominion Company. She arrived safely on Tuesday, and Mr. Phillips, the superintendent of the company, who went to Norfolk to superintend the repairs, telegraphed this morning that the steamer was there and would go on the ways to day. Why such a report should have been started is a mystery.

**PEABODY NORMAL INSTITUTE.**—In our report of yesterday we spoke of Prof. Hall's lecture as being upon "The Elements of English Grammar"; it should have been "The Beginnings of English Grammar," his intention being to show how many of our words were originally different and how they gradually assumed their present form.

The hall to-day was almost full, the attendance from abroad having continued to increase. At 9 o'clock, Prof. McLeary concluded his reading of "The Vision of Sir Launfal," and his lesson upon it, and announced his intention of taking up "Under the Old Elm" on Monday. At 10, Supt. M. D. Hall, of Fairfax, gave a statement of the duties of Virginia teachers, reading and explaining the various forms used, especially those of reports, and announced his intention of speaking at a future time on "The Right of Virginia Teachers." At 11 Prof. Hall began the reading of "The Parliament of Fables," and showed the derivation of the, that, and other English limiting words, explaining the successive changes which had taken place in them. At 12, Supt. Carney, at the request of the conductor, said that as the teachers had become pupils they would have the traditional rights of pupils and therefore, could have holiday to-morrow. He spoke of contemplated trips to Mount Vernon, Washington, etc., and offered to give all desired information as to what to see and how to see it. Prof. McLeary then gave his usual musical instruction and then resumed the teaching of elementary geometry, which occupied the time until closing.

**THE TELEGRAPH COMPANY'S LICENSE TAX.**—It was stated in the GAZETTE on Tuesday last that the Western Union Telegraph Company had declined to pay the license tax of \$100 assessed by the City Council, which amount the company has been paying annually for many years past for doing business in this city, on the ground that by a recent decree of the U. S. Supreme Court the company is exempt from such license taxes, as, under the provisions of the inter State commerce law, cities have no right to impose such license taxes. Mayor Downham referred the matter to Corporation Attorney Brent, who investigated the matter and to-day gave the Mayor the following opinion.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., July 13, 1888.  
Hon. E. E. Downham, Mayor:  
Dear Sir: The City Council of Alexandria cannot require the W. U. T. Co. to take out a license for the transaction of its business. In the recent case of Leloup, Manager W. U. T. Co., vs. the port of Mobile, the Supreme Court of the United States has decided that a general license tax on a telegraph affects the entire business, interstate as well as domestic or internal, and is unconstitutional. Upon inquiry I learn from the Commissioner of Revenue that the properties of the W. U. T. Co. have never been listed for the purposes of taxation. I would suggest that you direct the Commissioner of Revenue to assess the properties of the company for taxation. Yours, &c.,  
SAM'L G. BRENT, Corp. Attorney.

**NO RIGHT TO VOTE.**—It is said that under the rule established by the Court of Appeals of this State in the case of Foley against Shrive, decided in 1886 and reported in the recently published 81st volume of Virginia reports, page 568, persons living on the Arlington reservation clearly have no right to vote and no right to use the public school facilities of Alexandria county. The language employed by the Court in its opinion is so emphatic as to leave little room for doubt, but a direct adjudication with special reference to the Arlington people might be obtained in a proceeding to remove from office any of them holding office at the present time, or in a more limited and less satisfactory way on a refusal to register any of them seeking to be registered. But even if there should be no proceeding of any kind taken before the election yet the persons supposed to be disqualified must vote at their peril, for it is well settled that a conviction can be had and punishment inflicted for illegal voting without regard to the impression entertained by the voter when he casts his ballot. He can not plead his ignorance or his good faith as an excuse.

**CHILD ABDUCTED.**—A petition for a writ of habeas corpus has been filed in Washington, in which Franklin Mace, jr., asks that Franklin I. Mace, aged 7 or 8 years, be taken from the custody of Fanny V. Mace and Thomas Marmaduke and restored to his possession. The petitioner states that on August 28, 1880, in the city of Alexandria, Va., he was married to Fanny V. Rowland, with whom he lived until March 1888, in Georgetown. They had one boy, the child whose possession is in controversy. On March 3 she deserted him and has since that time been living in open adultery with Thomas Marmaduke. At the time of her desertion she took the child with her to the house of her mother, Mrs. Ellen Rowland, in Georgetown. On July 9 she took his child to Montgomery Co., Md., with his mother. On the evening of the same day his wife and Thomas Marmaduke drove to his mother's place and Marmaduke presented a loaded revolver at Charles's head, while the woman took the child. They put the boy in the wagon and drove away. A suit for divorce is now pending.

The telephone line from Fairfax Station to the Court House will soon be built. The requisite amount of stock has been subscribed and a charter applied for. It will be known as the Fairfax Station Telephone Company.

Among the promotions made in the Quartermaster General's office in Washington yesterday was that of Mrs. Annie E. Loomis, of this city, from a copyist to the \$1,000 class.

**PERSONAL.**—Miss Lillie Hill has gone to Madison to spend a few days, after which she will go to Culpeper.

Miss Carrie Owens, of King George county, is visiting the Misses Crook, in this city. Mr. Henry Wildt and his daughter, Miss Lillie, have gone on a trip to New York and Canada. Capt. Herbert Bryant has been confined to his home for the past few days by sickness, but is better to-day. Mrs. Margaret, and Miss Ida Youngson, of Pittsburg, are visiting the Misses King, on Royal street.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Mrs. Georgiana Stewart, wife of Mr. Wm. Stewart, of Hunter's Mill, died on the 5th instant, aged thirty-five years and six months.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to James W. Miller and Mary A. Ball, of Alexandria county, and to Samuel Groom and Mary Cotts, of this city.

A little boy named Simpson, while walking across Hunting Creek bridge with his father on Wednesday evening, fell through a hole in the flooring but was soon gotten out.

Thieves early this morning entered the residence of Mr. F. K. Davidson, on Prince street, near Royal, by breaking a pane of glass and opening the kitchen window. They stole all the eatables in the kitchen, but before they had entered the house they were scared off by Miss Davidson, who happened to be up.

The Bachelors' Club met last night and adopted resolutions of respect to the memory of Mr. Cornelius Cox, who was killed in the railroad accident yesterday morning. The club has been in existence eighteen years, and Mr. Cox was the first member lost by death.

Frank Delea, who shot Jefferson Phillips on Saturday last and who was yesterday admitted to bail, has not yet secured a bondsman. His father was called to New York and could not get here. As soon as Mr. Delea arrives, it is said, bail for his son will be given.

Among the floral tributes placed on the remains of Mr. Emmett Chancey, whose funeral took place yesterday, were handsome pieces sent by two employees of the Midland Railway Company and by the Relief Hook and Ladder and Columbia Fire Companies.

The Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company, at the request of the officers of the Driving Association, are laying a platform on their road near the driving park, north of this city.

The police report last night as being cloudy and rainy till about midnight. There were no lodgers or prisoners at the station house and the Mayor this morning had no cases for trial.

Mr. Jefferson Phillips, who was shot on Saturday last, was considered much better to-day and was able to be up.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

Rev. P. G. Lester has been nominated by the democrats of the fifth district for Congress.

A Philadelphia firm has contracted to mine 100,000 tons of steel ore at Pittsville, Pennsylvania county.

Samuel Agner, a well-known citizen of Rockbridge county, dropped dead Tuesday from a stroke of apoplexy.

A colored man was run over and killed Wednesday night near Windsor by a train on the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

On South river, Rockingham county, Gen. E. Lyman killed a bear weighing 275 pounds by a single shot from a gun loaded with squirrel shot.

A contest is going on between Paul C. Edmunds, of Halifax, and J. H. H. Figgatt, of Breckinridge, for the democratic congressional nomination from the sixth district. The convention meets August 1 in Lynchburg.

A committee representing the local optionists of Richmond have filed a petition with Judge Atkins, of the Hustings Court of that city, for an election on the question of liquor license or no liquor license for Richmond.

The contract for the construction of the Atlantic and Danville Railroad west of Bedford, on the Petersburg and Weldon Railroad, to Lawrenceville, in Brunswick county, has been awarded to Batchelor & Robinson, of Richmond.

The Suenandoah Valley Land and Improvement Company, of Winchester, has concluded the sale of the Stackhouse property to the Martinsburg and Potomac R. R. for passenger depot purposes. The company has also purchased several other pieces of property for freight warehouse, yard, switches, &c., in Winchester.

The jury in the case of Wm. H. Godsey, the young white man who killed David G. Gass, a negro hotel waiter in Richmond, yesterday brought in a verdict of guilty of involuntary manslaughter, and fixed the punishment at four months' imprisonment in jail and a fine of five dollars. In the first verdict the jury fixed the fine at one cent, but were told by the court that the minimum fine provided under the law in such cases was five dollars.

Most of the session of the Southern Methodist Sunday School Convention of the Baltimore conference at Berryville yesterday was taken up by short eulogies of the late Rev. Dr. Martin, and appropriate resolutions of respect to his memory and of condolence with the family of the deceased were adopted. Sunday school work was discussed. Easton, Md., has been selected as the next place of meeting for the convention, and Rev. B. W. Bond was nominated to deliver the annual address.

## The Republican Faction.

It is reported that an informal conference of members representing both the republican factions in the State was held at Petersburg the other night for the purpose of effecting a compromise in regard to an electoral ticket. Overtures were made to General Mahone, proposing a ticket composed of his electors from the State at large, also from the first and second and the ninth and tenth districts, and that the electors of the Wise faction in the second, third, fifth, sixth and seventh and eighth districts should complete the ticket. Mahone, it is said, would not agree to this proposition, saying that nothing short of a convention, or at least the State committee could take any action on the subject. The State committee of the Wise faction held a meeting yesterday, at which a resolution was adopted declaring "that as the national republican convention in admitting to its membership the district delegates from Virginia that were chosen by district convention established by that action the legality of the electors chosen by said conventions, and therefore that the electoral ticket shall consist of the following: At large, William Lamb, and Frank S. Blair, J. J. McDonald, N. D. Grover, Edgar Allen, R. B. Berkely, A. M. Lybrook, J. J. Davis, S. S. Lindsay, Lewis McKenzie, J. L. Gleaves and W. C. Franklin." This ticket gives Mahone six and the Wise men six also.

A resolution was adopted by the Wise faction proposing that the members of that committee for the several congressional districts proceed to call district conventions to nominate republican candidates for Congress.

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